

The Lutkins House

Passaic Street

Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

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Owner: Joseph Lutkins

Date of Erection: 1760

Architect:

Builder: Peter Lutkins

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

The house was built by Peter Lutkins in 1760 on what at that time was a twenty-two acre farm. Lutkins was one of the earliest pioneers in Paramus.

Architecturally the house differs a great deal from the usual Dutch farm house in this vicinity. There is something of the New England farm-house about the roof lines. In addition to that it is constructed of frame and not of stone as is characteristic of Dutch construction. The framing timbers are oak

and chestnut and the walls are filled solidly between the uprights with wood timbers roughly dressed and laid in clay. The house is practically unaltered. There is no bathroom, electric light, gas, water, or sewer.

During the greater part of the Revolution some part of Washington's army camped in the neighborhood of Paramus and Washington must have passed through this neighborhood many times. It is related that upon one of these journeys, Washington passed a night at the Lutkins House.

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